

**State of Wisconsin
Higher Educational Aids Board**

**Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2011**

Board Members Present: Mary Jo Green, James Palmer, Randall McCready, Timothy Rindahl, Susan Schaumburg, Laramie Wieseman; and Gary Roberts via phone.

HEAB Staff Present: John Reinemann, Sherrie Nelson, Deanna Schultz, and Cassie Weisensel.

Others Present: Tom Heffron, WTCS; Rolf Wegenke, WAICU; Bob Jokisch, UW System Administration; Cody Loew, UW System Administration; Tim Jacobson, WASFAA; Mary Czech-Mrochinski, Marquette.

Chair Mary Jo Green called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Randall McCready, seconded by Timothy Rindahl to approve the corrected minutes of the August 2, 2013 Board Meeting.

BOARD REPORT #14-02 STATUS OF 2013-14 APPLICANTS AND PROGRAMS

In 2013-14, WHEG-UW has committed 142.64% (\$83,221,310) of its appropriation with 42,083 awards. This is 1,313 fewer awards and 7.81% less committed than at this time last year. WHEG – WTC has committed 177.07% (\$36,827,424) of its appropriation with 36,723 awards. This is 6,525 more awards and 19.83% more committed than at this time last year. WTG has committed 144.39% (\$40,240,941) of its appropriation with 14,255 awards. This is 934 more awards and 4.32% more committed than at this time last year. WHEG – Tribal has committed 155.16% (\$704,725) of its appropriation with 420 awards. This is 70 more awards and 25.11% more committed than at this time last year.

BOARD REPORT #14-03 2013-13 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

Every year HEAB is required to report on the status of the Academic Excellence Scholarship to the Joint Finance Committee by August 1st. It was pointed out that not much changes from year to year. Eighty-three percent of the freshmen awarded the Academic Excellence Scholarship in 2012 accepted the scholarship and used it to attend a Wisconsin post secondary institution. In 2012-13, 726 freshmen enrolled in a Wisconsin post secondary institution. Total AES funds going to freshmen students were \$772,690 with an average award of \$1,064.

BOARD REPORT #14-04 2012-13 MINORITY RETENTION GRANT ANNUAL REPORT

The 1999-01 Budget Bill required HEAB to begin annual reporting on the effectiveness of the Minority Undergraduate Retention Grant. The last annual report noted that among student recipients surveyed, ninety percent indicated that the grant positively affected their decision to

return to or stay in school. Seventy-nine percent of the respondents either have earned a degree or certificate or continue to work towards obtaining a degree/certificate. In addition, over eighty-nine percent of the recipients plan on living and working in Wisconsin after graduating. As those numbers are approximately what they were the year before, we continue to believe that this program is very effective.

BOARD REPORT #14-05 STUDENT AID EXPENDITURES FOR 2012-13

The Board discussed the report.

BOARD REPORT #14-06 2011-13 BIENNIAL REPORT

The Board discussed the report.

Moved by Jim Palmer, seconded by Susan Schaumburg, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and Chair Mary Jo Green adjourned the meeting at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted,
James Palmer, Secretary